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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Osamu KOMURA, et al.

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Examiner:

For: BEARING STRUCTURES, SPINDLE MOTORS, AND HARD DISK DRIVES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 21, line 7, please change "Fig. 4 is" to --Figs. 4(a) and 4(b) are--.

Page 21, line 10, please change "Fig. 5 is" to --Figs. 5(a) and 5(b) are--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

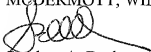
Please replace claims 1 through 26 as originally filed with the attached substitute pages of claims 1 through 26.

REMARKS

Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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